



# Resources for Researching the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire

California History Room  
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## Searching the book catalog

Online at <http://www.lib.state.ca.us>

- Subject headings:
  - San Francisco (Calif.) – Earthquake and fire, 1906
  - Earthquakes – California – San Francisco
  - Earthquakes – California – San Francisco Bay Area
- Browse subject headings to view narrower subjects

## California Information File

Created at the California State Library, the California Information File is an index to many sources of California history, including newspaper articles, magazine articles, manuscript collections, and books, covering dates from the 1850's through present. The original card file was closed in 1985, and the index has been continued on a computer database.

- Subject headings for the card file:
  - Earthquakes – San Francisco – 1906
  - Fires – San Francisco – 1906
- Keywords for database: earthquake\* & San Francisco & 1906

## San Francisco Newspapers Index (1904-1949)

- On microfiche
- Subject heading: Earthquakes – San Francisco, April 18, 1906

## San Francisco Chronicle Index (1950-1980)

- On microfiche
- Subject heading: Earthquakes – San Francisco, April 18, 1906

## Photo collection

- Card index: San Francisco – Earthquake and fire, 1906
- Online picture catalog:
  - Subject: Earthquakes – California – San Francisco
  - Keyword: Earthquake# and San Francisco
- Main catalog (includes photo albums):
  - San Francisco (Calif.) – Earthquake and fire, 1906 – Views
  - San Francisco (Calif.) – Earthquake and fire, 1906 – Photographs
  - San Francisco (Calif.) – Earthquake and fire, 1906 – Pictorial works

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## **Postcards**

- Subject: San Francisco – Earthquake & Fire

## **Manuscript collections**

San Francisco earthquake and fire collection, 1906.  
SMCII Box 13 Folders 7-9

Lorenzo Palmer Latimer San Francisco earthquake letters, 1906.  
SMCII Box 20 Folder 11

## **Vertical file**

- Subjects – Earthquakes

## **Key reference works**

*The great earthquake and firestorms of 1906: How San Francisco nearly destroyed itself.* Philip L. Fradkin. Berkeley, CA, University of California Press, 2005. Reading room F869 S357 F735 2005

*Disaster! The great San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906.* Dan Kurzman. 1st ed. New York: W. Morrow, c2001. Reading room F869 S3 K87 2001

*Three fearful days: San Francisco memoirs of the 1906 earthquake & fire.* Compiled by Malcolm E. Barker. San Francisco: Londonborn Publications, 1998. Closed stacks TC557 C3 F58 1956

*Denial of disaster.* Gladys Hansen and Emmet Condon. 1st ed. San Francisco: Cameron and Co., 1989. Reading room [f] F869 S3 H289 1989

*1906: Surviving San Francisco's great earthquake and fire.* Gerstle Mack. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, c1981. Reading room F869 S3 M312

*The great San Francisco earthquake and fire, 1906.* Eric Saul. Millbrae, Calif.: Celestial Arts, c1981. Reading room QE535.2 U6 S28

*Who perished: A list of persons who died as a result of the great earthquake and fire in San Francisco on April 18, 1906.* Gladys Hansen. San Francisco, CA : San Francisco Archives, 1980. Reading room / Genealogy Alcove F869 S3 A23 1980

*The earth shook, the sky burned.* William Bronson. Garden City, N.Y., Doubleday, 1959. Reading room F869 S3 B76

*The California earthquake of April 18, 1906.* California State Earthquake Investigation Commission (A.C. Lawson, chairman). Washington, D.C., Carnegie Institution of Washington, 1908-10. Reprinted 1969. Reading room QE535 C3 1969